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LIVING GREEN AND LEAN FOCUS OF NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT

- More Than 30 Exhibitors to Showcase Budget Friendly Sustainable Tips and Tools -

Beaverton, Oregon (March 31, 2009) – Learn to live more sustainably and save money at the same time at the City of Beaverton's Sixth Annual **Neighborhood Summit: Living Greener and Leaner, Sustainable Ideas for Your Home and Budget**. The summit will feature expert guest speakers and displays from more than 30 local organizations, from Artisan Organics to Zipcar. Presented by the Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement, the Neighborhood Summit is free to the public and will take place on **Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** at Beaverton City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive). **Doors open at 8:30 a.m.** for registration and refreshments.

"The City of Beaverton is committed to boosting awareness and increasing sustainable practices throughout our community," said Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle. "The Neighborhood Summit is a great way for individuals to learn practical ways to make that goal a reality at home."

Who's Speaking

- Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle will welcome attendees.
- Leigh Crabtree, a Beaverton Associate Planner, will describe how the City and citizens work together to "Manage Beaverton's Urban Forest."
- Jonathan Cohen, owner of Imagine Energy, a consulting firm specializing in making homes and businesses more energy efficient, will provide information and answer questions about "Making Smart Energy Choices in Your Home."
- Learn about the latest "Changes in Recycling" from Cindy Tatham, Beaverton's Waste Reduction Program Coordinator.
- Karen DeBaker, a Clean Water Services representative, will help guide a discussion about how "Clean Water Starts at Home" and "Easy Steps to Protect Your Water and Pocketbook."

Booths

Look for great ideas from participating organizations Artisan Organics, the Audubon Society, Beaverton Recycling, the Bike Gallery, Clean Water Services, Community Warehouse, EMO Environmental Ministries, E-Tech Recycling, Freecycle Washington County, Friends of Trees, Gardener to Farmer, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Living Elements Landscape, Oregon Electric Vehicle Association, The Natural Step Network, Organics to You, SEE Turtles, Surfrider Foundation, TriMet, Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition, Washington County Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Washington County Peak Oil, White Lotus Cleaning, Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, Zipcar and more.

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All participants will be entered into a raffle to win a home energy efficiency audit, a green living guide, a gift certificate to New Seasons, a Chinook Book, a Kill A Watt energy monitor, and many other great prizes. Event participants are asked to walk, bike, or plan their trip to this event on TriMet at www.trimet.org. Those who do drive are asked to park in the back parking lot of City Hall. For more information or to RSVP by **Wednesday, April 15**, please call Blake Hickman at (503) 526-2380 or send an email to bhickman@ci.beaverton.or.us. More information is also available on the City's Web site at www.BeavertonOregon.gov.

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